

REMARKS

This application is amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the withdrawal of the election of species requirement.

Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner noting that there are no prior art rejections.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-7 are cancelled.

Claims 8-13 are new and correspond to claims 1-6, respectively, with amendments that clarify the claimed invention.

Claims 8-13 remain in this application.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §101

Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for reciting a use without setting forth any steps.

Claims 9-11 correspond to claims 2-4.

Claim 2-4 previously recited the use of the compound of claim 1 in the preparation of a medicament. Accordingly, new claims 9-11 are written as a medicament comprising the compound of claim 8 (which corresponds to claim 1).

Therefore, the new claims 9-11 are believed to be of proper form.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §112

Claims 1 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite.

New claims 8, 12 and 13 are written to address the objections raised in the Official Action with respect to claims 1, 5, and 6. For example, claim 8 does not recite "general" formula. Claim 8 also recites "or pharmaceutical salts thereof", as suggested. Claim 8 also recites the proviso in a clear manner. Claims 12 and 13 correctly depend from claim 8.

Claim 7, however, was not rewritten.

Therefore, the present claims 8-13 are believed to be definite.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our credit card which is being paid online simultaneously herewith for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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